

ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL

(AGIC)

The next Board meeting will be held in Phoenix at ASU Downtown,
College of Continuing Education
Building C, Room C368 -- 502 E. Monroe Street on Thursday January 9,
1997

Parking is Available -- Please see attached map and directions!

The lunchtime presentation will be Doug Howard with
"ASU's Mission to Mars."
Presentation will be a brown bag luncheon beginning at 12:00 PM at ASU
Downtown, Room C368

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CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Management Board of the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC) met on Thursday November 11, 1996 in Conference Room "A" of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Building, located at 500 N. Third Street in Phoenix. Don McTaggart, President of AGIC's Executive Management Board, called meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

No members of the Board had changes or amendments to the minutes from September 5, 1996. Joan Laurence moved to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Sally Lanier. The minutes of the September 5th meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Don McTaggart spoke for a few minutes regarding the general direction of AGIC as he saw it, as well as how AGIC has developed in the years since AGIC's inception. Dr. McTaggart mentioned that he saw AGIC as having passed the initial tasks of its early years, and that there are currently a number of tasks that exist for AGIC to focus upon now and in the future. Dr. McTaggart spoke about the trend toward a renewed and enhanced educational mission within AGIC, and the importance of raising the public's awareness of GIS. Dr. McTaggart pointed out that it will be vital to remember AGIC's goals as a committee while planning the 1997 AGIC GIS Conference.

BUDGET UPDATE

Lynn Larson gave a summary to date of the MAGIC 96 Conference. As of October 31, 1996, the AGIC fund was at a balance of \$16,902 which did not

reflect the invoice to be paid to the Marriott Camelback Inn for \$12, 930.70 during November. This will bring the Current Fund Balance to \$3,971.

Ms. Larson mentioned the AGIC Intern Contract which, she said, would be discussed later in the meeting under a separate item.

Ms. Larson then went on to pass out the agency contribution letters and gave a brief explanation for the letters.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Don McTaggart said that the Strategic Planning Update item is usually done by the Vice President, but that the V.P. has not yet been elected. Therefore, Dr. McTaggart moved on to the subcommittee reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE & LEGAL

Lynn Larson began the Administrative and Legal section of the meeting with a review of the vice presidential nominations. Ms. Larson said that the nomination she received reflected a unanimous choice for a nominee, which was Sally Lanier. Ms. Larson explained that she had previously asked Ms. Lanier if Ms. Lanier would be willing to accept the nomination. Ms. Lanier said that she was willing to accept the nomination. Don McTaggart asked for other nominations from the floor, and, since there were none, entertained a motion for a vote on the appointment of Sally Lanier as Vice President of AGIC. Dan Anderson moved to vote, and Joan Laurence seconded the motion. The final vote count was: 14 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions in favor of Sally Lanier's appointment as Vice President of AGIC.

Lynn Larson then moved on to the AGIC Intern Contract item. Ms. Larson proposed to extend the contract of this position currently held by Eva Reid, to June 30, 1997 at a cost of \$5,600 dollars. Steven Foley asked why the contract was to be extended through June 30th and not July 1. Ms. Larson stated that this was due to the State's fiscal year ending on June 30th. Don McTaggart entertained a motion to vote. Mr. Foley moved to vote, and Rudy Stricklan seconded the motion. 15 votes were in favor; there were no votes in opposition or in abstention.

DATA RESOURCES

Gary Irish reported on the Geodetic Control Work Group's progress. Mr. Irish said that the Working Group's draft report is ready to be released and will be mailed to people in the GIS community interested in reviewing the report. Mr. Irish said that he was developing a list of parties and individuals who would be interested. He indicated that anyone interested in obtaining a copy for review should notify him. Rudy Stricklan will be presenting the report to the Surveyor's Association.

Mr. Irish also briefly discussed the Land Parcels & Administrative Boundaries Work Group. He said that the work group is still working on its report and will be doing so for a while.

Mr Irish then introduced a Data Resources related presentation, which was a brief talk about the National Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles (DOQs) Program. The presentation was given by Dave Bortnem, Gary Irish, and Dwight Curtiss.

EDUCATION

No report was given.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Jana Fry gave the Information Exchange report. Ms. Fry said that the Information Exchange Subcommittee was moving ahead with plans for the next AGIC conference, and therefore this report would assume the function of the Information Exchange Report as well as the AGIC 97 Annual Meeting Report(Item IV, Section D of the Agenda). Ms. Fry indicated that the listserver was up and running with approximately 20 subscribers, and that through the listserve she had received some good input on ideas for the conference. Ms. Fry then turned over the discussion to Eva Reid, who gave a summary of the committee's progress to date on finding accommodations for the conference. Ms. Reid said that currently, space is reserved for the conference at the Mariott's Camelback Inn (last year's site). However, because of extensive construction on-site at the Camelback in during the summer of 1997, the Information Exchange Subcommittee is searching for an alternative site. To date all alternative possibilities are inadequate or unavailable. Executive Board members made several suggestions about other possible conference locations. The Mesa Convention Center, the Motorola University Building, and the Bureau of Land Management training facility were the suggestions made. Ms. Reid said that she would pass these ideas along to Gene Trobia who is currently identifying available conference space. Don McTaggart asked that anyone who has other ideas in the near future call either Mr. Trobia or Ms. Reid.

TECHNOLOGY

Gary McDermott gave an overview of the committee and its purpose. The main intent of the subcommittee is to develop the means necessary to deliver mapping data and related products over the Internet through a browser interface. Mr. McDermott said that the committee had come to an impasse because of staffing and budget issues. The bottom line, according to Mr. McDermott, is that the committee has no staff, per se, no hardware, and no software due to the budget restrictions that exist. Mr. McDermott stated that he felt it would not be feasible to expect that these issues will be solidly resolved by the end of the year. Mr. McDermott mentioned the possibility of

partnering with the University of Arizona (U of A) through Robert MacArthur, with U of A serving as a host site for the pilot project which the Technology committee would like to begin.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Lynn Larson began by discussing the first amendment proposed to the Board, regarding the mail vote (Article VIII, Section 4) . Ms. Larson described the amendment and said that according to the Attorney General the amendment is not appropriate because the public must be able to participate in the discussion, and a mail vote would eliminate the public from the forum. No vote was necessary for this amendment because the amendment was determined to be inappropriate.

The next item was the proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 3: Membership. Ms. Larson stated that clarification of membership and attendance was another issue brought up in the Administrative and Legal Issues Subcommittee meeting. Richard Trapp asked whether the reasoning for the change of wording would be included in the minutes or not. Dr. McTaggart said that the proposed amendments and justification for said proposal could be included in the minutes and would then therefore serve as the record. (NOTE: The proposed Bylaw Amendments are attached in the form of an appendix, as they appeared on the notice to Executive Board members.) The proposed amendment was intended to promote regular attendance. Poor attendance, by some representatives, has been a problem in the past. Regular attendance assures that members and alternates of the Executive Board are knowledgeable about AGIC and AGIC issues. Some questions were raised as to the leniency of the stipulation that a board member only be required to attend fifty percent of meetings which totals three [3] meetings in a twelve month period. It was decided to use the wording as it appeared in the current proposed amendment and perhaps revisit the issue in a year should attendance warrant it. Joan Laurence called a question on the motion which was seconded by Sally Lanier. The amendment passed with a vote of 15 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

An amendment to Executive Order 92-17 was proposed. This amendment would add one representative from each of the following agencies to the existing membership of the AGIC Executive Board: Arizona State Cartographer's Office, the Legislative Council, and the Utility Sector. Discussion followed regarding the total number of representatives from these agencies, as well as the purpose behind these proposed representatives.

The question of why the State Cartographer was being identified as the new choice versus the State Land Commissioner was posed to the Executive Board. The response was that the State Cartographer is more closely connected to the issues which AGIC is dealing with regarding standards development and

state-wide issues. It was pointed out that If the State Cartographer is to be an Executive Board member, it would be necessary to change the wording of the Executive Order because with the addition of the State Cartographer, there would be two representatives from the Arizona State Land Department. Executive Order 92-17 currently specifies that there should be one representative from each agency.

Joan Laurence called a motion to vote on the addition of the representatives from the State Cartographer's Office, the Legislative Council, and the Utility Sector to the Executive Board membership. The motion was seconded by Sally Lanier. The amendment passed with a counted of 15 in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining.

Discussion of the past president of AGIC being added as a member of the Executive Board was mentioned. Don McTaggart said that this topic of discussion was likely to appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. The issue was not voted on because there was not the required 15 day notice on this item. However, several members of the Executive Board made a point of indicating that they were strongly in favor of the possibility of this addition.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Laurence mentioned that she had put together funding to hire two [2] new interns for the Department of Commerce, one of whom will be a GIS intern to set up a GIS for the Department of Commerce. The term would run 20 hours per week from January to June.

The Arizona Geological Survey hired a full time GIS person with funding through the National Mapping Act. The Geologic Survey will be producing, with this new full time hire, additional products including the Phoenix North 1:100,000 Geologic Surficial Map and an Arizona Geologic Highway Map. These products will be distributed on floppy disk. Other options for distribution are still being explored.

Gary McDermott asked that people interested in working with the Technology Committee, as a partner or host site, please contact him.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No announcements

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be held January 9th, 1996 possibly at the ASU Downtown facility. A lunchtime presentation was suggested, perhaps the MARS Geology Unit or a more in-depth version of the DOQ presentation given at today.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.